

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Steve Henry and the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning the 2006-2007 TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable sports team is the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2006-2007 season by winning both the Duals and the Traditional Tournaments in the TSSAA State Wrestling Championship, as well as placing ten individual winners in state tournament competition; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Steve Henry, the Soddy Daisy Trojans began their season with a thrilling victory over cross-town rival Baylor before going on to win the Ooltewah Invitational, Slamfest Duals, McCallie Invitational, Soddy Daisy Invitational, Region Four Duals, and the Region Four Tournament; the Trojans also placed fourth in the prestigious Oviedo Invitational, which is ranked as one of the toughest tournaments in the nation by *WIN* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Soddy Daisy compiled an impressive season record of twenty-two wins and only one loss, and they were voted the number one Team in the Tennessee High School Wrestling Poll and were ranked as one of the top ten teams in the Southeast, which covers six states; and

WHEREAS, leading the way to success in this year's Division I State Tournament were Justin Hammond and Dustin Stewart, who placed fifth; Wes Brett took fourth place; Jason McCroskey and Alex Spletzer placed third; Mikey Fuller and Jarriett Toney finished in second place; and taking first place honors were Ulric Winesburgh, Tyler Roberson, and Matt Lettner, who concluded the season with a victory in the championship finals by defeating two defending state champions; and

WHEREAS, a team with uncommon dedication and motivation, the Soddy Daisy wrestling team also includes: Cal Atchley, Seth Atchley, Zach Elrod, Jake Fien, Alex Ford, Jake Gamble, Dustin Gardner, Scott Hackney, Robert Holcomb, Casey Jordan, Brandon Lane, Tristan McCroskey, Benny McCaniel, Jeremiah Shoemate, Stephen Strain, Taylor White, Taylor Witt, Ben Young, and Bill Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Steve Henry laid the groundwork for this year's championship season by sharing with these young men his substantial knowledge of wrestling, his many years of coaching and athletic experience, and his passion both for the sport of wrestling and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Principal Robert E. Smith and Head Coach Steve Henry, the Soddy Daisy wrestling team benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Shane Turner, Rabbit Turner, Trevor Fuller, and Ashley Brooks; and

WHEREAS, the wrestlers of Soddy Daisy High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the wrestling mat; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship wrestling season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team for winning the 2006-2007 TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and players of the Soddy Daisy High School wrestling team upon winning the 2006-2007 TSSAA State Championship titles in both duals and traditional wrestling, commend them upon a successful wrestling season, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.